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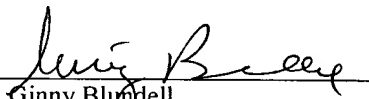
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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed April 22, 2002, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

**In the specification:**

◇◇ Please add the following full paragraph at page 1, line 1:

B1  
This application is a continuation of and claims priority to PCT/US98/25676, filed December 3, 1998. The contents of PCT/US98/25676 are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

◇◇ Please replace the first complete paragraph on page 8 with the following:

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Fig. 7. Analysis of Shh in a receptor binding assay. The relative potency of soluble (6) and tethered (7) Shh for binding to *patched* was assessed on *patched*-transfected EBNA-293 cells by FACS analysis. Serial dilutions of the test samples were incubated with the EBNA-293